

AT THE CAPITOL.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COUNCILS THURSDAY.

The Report of the Postmaster-General.

Resolutions by the Attorney-General
—Bills Introduced and Routine
Business Dispatched.

THURSDAY, Sept. 7th.

The councils convened at 1:35 P.M. There were present Vice-President Hatch, Ministers King, Damon and Smith, Councilmen Brown, Allen, Ena, Bolte, Morgan, Nott, Tenney, Suhr, Young, Emmelhuth and Waterhouse.

The secretary read the minutes of the last regular and the extra session, which were approved.

Minister Damon read the following weekly financial statement:

FINANCE STATEMENT FOR WEEK END-
ING SEPTEMBER 6, 1893.Current Account Balance
August 30, 1893. \$157,197 06

RECEIPTS.	
Interior Department	\$ 2,189 32
Customs	6,755 60
Fines, Penalties and Costs	1,978 15
Revenue Stamps	185 40
Water	613 40
Fish Market	849 75
Post Office	529 28
Prison	621 90
Registry Office	640 50
Brands	202 00
Government Realizations	69 88
Electric Light	24 70
Taxes	28,285 95
Sale of Government Bonds	2,000 00
Crown Lands	4,925 83
	\$202,122 89

EXPENDITURES.	
Civil List, Permanent Settlements and Legislature	\$ 35 00
Judiciary Department	4,461 86
Department of Foreign Affairs	3,272 56
Interior Department—Salaries and Incidentals	9,302 95
Bureau of Survey	1,060 00
Registry of Conveyances	448 50
Bureau of Immigration	360 00
Bureau of Public Works	2,645 01
Water Works	806 55
Board of Health	3,559 25
Finance Department—Salaries, Incidentals, etc	7,175 21
Interest	1,914 00
Attorney-General's Department	10,882 35
General Expenses Provisional Government	9,390 25
Road Tax—To Special Deposit	11,486 00
School Tax—To Special Deposit	12,310 00
Expense Placing Loan, 1893	40 00
	\$ 79,061 45

Total Treasury Balance, above date	123,061 41
	\$202,122 89
Outstanding Bonds	\$2,617,600 00
Due Postal Savings Bank	528,848 27
Treasury and P. M. G. Notes	230,000 00
	\$3,376,448 27
Net Indebtedness	\$3,376,448 27

EXPLANATORY.
(This amount of \$155,541.60 was paid from General Revenue in the Treasury to carry on public improvements under Section 2 to date, and all receipts from sale of bonds under loan act of 1893 passing into General Cash as offsets until this debt is cancelled.)

Less bonds Act of 1893 sold to date	\$ 155,541 60
	134,000 00
	\$ 21,541 60

Amount due from P. S. Bank for advances from general revenue to cover excess of withdrawals over receipts 5,923 77

Amount due Treasury this date from Loan Act \$ 27,465 37

Postal Savings bank memo: Due depositors, P. S. bank this date \$ 528,848 27

Notices this date of withdrawals maturing in September, October, November and December, 1893 29,185 00
Cash on hand this date 18,094 65

Expenses, Prov. Govt. memo: Exps. Prov. Govt. to date \$ 123,686 40

(This amount covers all expenses, including military and items not appropriated by the last Legislature.)

Memo, cash in Treasury: Outstanding Certificates, \$259,000.00. Certificates withdrawn from circulation and deposited for safe keeping \$53,000.00.

Cash in Treasury to re-

deem certificates, \$259,000.00.
Road Board fund in Treasury 48,369 79
School Board fund in Treasury 43,118 61
Postal Savings bank balance 18,094 65
Available cash, as above 123,061 41
\$ 202,085 12

Finance Department, Sept. 6, 1893.

During the reading of the statement Minister Damon said he would say that since he had been minister of finance it had at different times been a puzzle to him to know how the postal savings bank could owe the treasury a balance. With the auditor-general, he had gone over the books and come to the conclusion that the mistake must have been connected with transactions under section 3 of the appropriation bill. It should be, he thought, that the treasury owed the postal savings bank. At a later period he would bring in the figures to show that this amount was charged to the postal savings bank, in the report of the then minister of finance to the last legislature, when it should have been charged to section 3. To his mind it was impossible that the postal savings bank should owe the treasury.

Proceeding, Minister Damon read the following report from the postmaster-general, who had just returned from a trip of inspection around the island of Kauai. He stated that the postmaster-general would next visit Maui and Molokai, and afterwards Hawaii. He also wished to point out that while the postmaster-general did not expect to find many errors, his trips were productive of good to the post-office system in the form of hints and suggestions which will make the service more efficient.

BUREAU OF GEN. POST OFFICE, HAWAII.
HONOLULU, Sept. 5th, 1893.
His Excellency S. M. DAMON, minister of finance:

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith my report of a tour of the island of Kauai, made for the purpose of examining into the postal service with a view of increasing, if possible, its efficiency.

Leaving Honolulu on August 23d, I landed the following morning at Lihue and, continuing my journey, reached Waimea the same day and Kekaha on the 24th.

The postal and money order office at Kekaha is in the hands of Mr. A. Lindsay, and, after an investigation, found everything correct and in good running order.

Instructions were given to the postmaster as to the manner in which his accounts are to be kept in the future. The rules, etc., of the money order and postal savings bank department were explained.

As all of the mail received here is generally delivered in an hour or two after arrival, the postmaster thought no advantage would be gained by having lock boxes.

At Waimea the postal and money order office is in charge of Mr. C. B. Hoffgaard, and is separated from his store.

There are forty-six lock boxes, and for a country office it is well conducted. His books were correct, and I gave him some instructions as to handling mail, which will help to make the service here still more efficient. In addition to delivering the Waimea mail, this office dispatches mails to Kekaha, Manā and Niihau.

The post office at Makaweli, where there is a fast increasing population, has Mr. Hugh Morrison at its head. He is away on a vacation, but during his absence Mr. J. A. Palmer makes a very efficient deputy.

Everything here was found in a very satisfactory condition. This office has no lock boxes, as they were not considered necessary.

At Hanalei the mail is opened and closed at the residence of Mr. Kahaleale, who is postmaster.

Up to a few months ago the people in this district had been getting their mail from the Makaweli office, which was formerly quite near the Hanalei valley, but since that office has been removed to the mill site it was quite a distance for them to travel, hence the establishment of the Hanalei office.

Mr. E. Stretz is postmaster at Koloa with a postal and money order office. There are seventy lock boxes. His accounts were examined and found in order, and I gave him instructions as to the running of the money order and postal savings bank departments.

The office at Lihue, Mr. C. H. Bishop, postmaster, is the central office of the island. Here mails, immediately on arrival from Honolulu, are dispatched to Kekaha and way ports on the lee side, and to Hanalei and way ports on the windward side.

This undoubtedly is the principal office on the island, as the regular weekly mails from Honolulu takes its departure from here overland to its destination.

There are sixty lock boxes in this office. The Kealia office is at the plantation office, in charge of Mr. R. C. Spalding. It is also the delivery office for Kapaa, connected by train.

Everything found in order. The postal and money order office at Kilauea is also at the plantation office, which is centrally located. It has forty lock boxes. Mr. G. R. Ewart is postmaster, and conducts his office with ability.

The Hanalei postal and money order office is situated in the central part of the valley, a short distance from the road.

Mr. J. M. Radway is postmaster, and he has a deputy at the beach who receives and delivers the letters for Waiohi and Waipae, the carrier going on to Lualaba, Wainiha and Haena. At the latter place he is met by another carrier who takes the mail to Kalalau to the school master, Naohenui, who delivers it.

At all the offices visited, I left instructions as to the manner of receiving and dispatching mails, the making out of money orders and paying of the same. I called attention particularly to the rules of the postal savings bank department, and inquired if any complaints had been made.

Mr. H. P. Faye, the manager at Manā plantation, and others, ex-

pressed a desire to have a postmaster appointed for that district, which has about 250 inhabitants, divided about as follows, viz: 150 Japanese, 50 Hawaiians and 50 of various nationalities. The nearest office is at Kekaha, between five and six miles away.

Eleese has no office, the mail for the plantation being sent overland from Koloa in a closed bag. At the time of my visit here very few people were around, all being busy at work. Mr. Dreier, the manager, is away from the islands, but I hope to talk the matter over with him in Honolulu, where he is shortly expected.

In conclusion I desire to state to your excellency that my visit to the island of Kauai will, I am sure, have a beneficial result as to the future working of this branch of the public service.

The people there work in harmony with the postal service, and from the many inquiries made I think they are well satisfied. Owing to that fact, and a well-organized telephone system, I can, and have arranged to send all the foreign mail by the first vessel leaving for any port on Kauai, after the receipt of same in Honolulu.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOS. M. OAT,

Postmaster-General.

The minister of finance stated that the box system mentioned in the report had been suggested by him; he had thought that it might be desirable to have a few boxes at some of the outside post offices, and had so recommended.

The report was received and placed on file.

Attorney General Smith reported on the action taken by the board of health relating to the resignation of Dr. Trousseau, with the temporary appointment of Dr. Andrews as acting post physician.

Mr. Brown, of the judiciary committee, reported that the committee were ready with a substitute bill on the alcohol matter. Mr. Brown stated that some of the physicians on the other islands, and Mr. Brigham, of the Bishop museum, had raised certain points which might be considered as objections.

Attorney General Smith said he had not as yet seen the new bill, although he was a member of the committee.

Mr. Brown said he had thought the attorney-general had seen the bill. He wished to apologize if he had not.

The report was laid upon the table to be considered with the bill of the minister of finance.

Attorney General Smith said he wished to move the following resolution referring to auxiliary company A:

Resolved, that the members of Company A, now on active service at the court-house, be mustered into a new company to be known as Company F.

Vice President Hatch stated the difficulty was in regard to the lieutenant. There were two commissioned lieutenants allowed by law to each company, and any change would necessitate the appointment of new officers in the volunteer branch of the service.

Mr. Emmelhuth said he did not see the necessity for the present action and gave reasons therefore.

The resolution was referred to the military committee.

Attorney General Smith moved the following resolution after explaining the necessities therefore:

Resolved, that the minister of the interior is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three persons, one of whom shall be a lady, to be a visiting committee to the insane asylum.

It shall be the duty of such visiting committee to visit and inspect the insane asylum as often as once in each month, and as much often as they shall deem best; and at the end of each quarter-year make written report to the minister of the condition and management of the asylum, together with such recommendations or suggestions as they shall think proper.

Attorney General Smith introduced a bill appropriating \$289.05 to be refunded to Japanese contract laborers at Kekaha, Kauai, which were costs of court for the laborers refusing to labor on July 31st the birthday of the Emperor of Japan. The Japanese were under the impression that they were acting legally and thought the day was a public holiday.

The bill passed first reading.

Minister Damon introduced a bill entitled "an act to amend chapter 61 of the laws of 1892" which re-enacted the former law, after striking out two lines thereof; the law as amended reads as follows:

20. Each assessor shall receive such compensation as the legislature shall, from time to time, appropriate. Each deputy shall receive such percentage of the taxes collected by him, including road and school taxes, not to exceed 5 per cent., as full compensation for assessing and collecting and all work done in connection therewith, as the assessor, with the approval of the minister of finance, may decide.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from the date of its publication.

Minister Damon explained that the act was introduced to facilitate the work of the tax assessors' department. The amendment would simplify the work of the department and would, as he interpreted it, carry out the intention of the legislature.

The bill was passed—first reading. The councils went into special session at 2:15 P. M., and adjourned an hour later.

Waimanalo Sugar Co.

At a meeting of shareholders of the above company held yesterday morning, the following officers were elected: J. A. Cummins, president; J. A. Hopper, vice-president; C. Bolte, secretary; Bruce Cartwright, auditor.

POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

Mr. G. W. Langley Appointed a Police Captain.

Marshal Hitchcock made an appointment Thursday which will reflect great credit upon him and his administration of police affairs. For some time past he has been casting around for a suitable person to appoint as a police captain. This was found in Mr. G. W. Langley, who received his commission as such Thursday, and who assumes the duties of his new position today.

Mr. Langley has been a resident here for a number of years, and has always been in accord with the American and annexation movement. He has been connected with the police and customs departments for years, and has proved a very efficient officer.

In 1887 Mr. Langley was called from the police department to the customs service, where he proved to be a deservedly popular and watchful servant. He brings to his new position years of experience, and Marshal Hitchcock made a wise choice when he selected Mr. Langley to be a police captain. The new appointee has a host of friends, and they will all be pleased to hear he has been selected for the responsible position he now occupies.

The Gin Sandwich.

"Did you ever drink a gin sandwich?" inquired the genial concocter of cooling drinks as he proceeded to fill the orders of half a dozen thirsty ones at the same time.

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Tenders for Highway.

Sealed tenders will be received at the interior office until Wednesday, September 20th, at 12 o'clock noon, for the construction of a highway across the Hakalau gulch, North Hilo, Hawaii. Plans and specifications for the work can be seen at the office of the superintendent of public works, Honolulu, and at the office of A. B. Loebenstein, Hilo, Hawaii.

Boat Racing Crew.

The seven members composing the crew of the Healan rowing club, who will compete against the Myrtle crew on October 7th for a cup and the championship of the Hawaiian islands, are quartered at the Hawaiian hotel under training. Their flag floats proudly from one of the poles on the building.

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